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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT
AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Masatoshi Nakayama)
Serial No.: 10/617,532)
Filed: July 11, 2003)
For: THIN-FILM MAGNETIC)
HEAD, METHOD FOR)
PRODUCING THE SAME AND)
MAGNETIC DISK DEVICE)
HAVING A SLIDER USING THE)
SAME)
Group Art Unit: 2812)
Examiner: To be assigned)

STATUS INQUIRY

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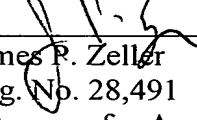
Sir:

Please advise when an official action can be expected in the above-identified application.

Respectfully submitted,

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